



TUESDAY EVENING, FEB. 11, 1908.

WHEN Mr. Lewis H. Machen was in the State Senate two years ago, he succeeded in having a measure passed submitting to the people a proposition to amend the constitution so as to have longer sessions of the legislature, but through some technicality, the question never reached a vote by the people. Now Mr. Machen is writing the proceedings of the legislature for the Richmond Times Dispatch, and in his articles is still urging longer sessions. In Sunday's issue of that paper he says:

Every time the legislature meets and tries to conclude its work in sixty days, it becomes more and more apparent that the thing is impossible. Nobody could come to Richmond and witness the frantic and fruitless struggles of the members to transact their business in the limited time, with anything approaching completeness, without saying that the time should be extended, unless, indeed, he were blinded by prejudice. A few people who know nothing of the character and amount of the work the legislature is called upon to do set up their opinion against that of a hundred wiser people, who know a thousand times as much about the subject. There are a good many common soldiers in the State who abuse the legislature indiscriminately for everything it does, for not doing enough and for doing too much. The cracking of thorns under a pot is music to the braying of this class.

Mr. Machen unquestionably believes he knows a thousand times as much about the subject as those, who he says, know nothing of the character of the work the legislature is called upon to do; but as a matter of fact he does not. It will be remembered that last year when he was a candidate for re-election to the State Senate he made longer sessions of the legislature the chief plank in his platform, and on that he was defeated by a gentleman who was but little known in the district and who had scarcely a speaking acquaintance with a dozen voters in this city. This shows clearly that the people are opposed to long sessions of the legislature. The people have learned that the longer the legislature is in session the more harm it is likely to do.

IN ORDER to secure complete control of the moving picture business of this country, representing an investment of \$50,000,000, eight of the leading American and French manufacturers have formed an \$8,000,000 combination, which on Saturday last dictated its terms to 100 rental agents and 4,200 playhouses and 6-cent amusement places throughout the country. The rules adopted by the combined manufacturers will be strictly enforced, and it is frankly announced that those who do not live up to their terms will be forced out of business. The manufacturers protest that they have not formed a trust, and that the rules which they have adopted are solely for the protection of the public. Why, certainly!

The first indictment ever brought in Fayette county, Kentucky against a so-called trust was returned by the Fayette county grand jury yesterday when the jury handed in a "true bill" to the Court, indicting the American Tobacco Company on a charge of conspiracy to reduce the price of raw tobacco. This indictment is the direct result of Circuit Judge Parker's order to the grand jury to investigate the tobacco situation in that region in order to ascertain whether the charges made by members of the Society of Equity were true.

Fish wardens along the Allegheny river in Pennsylvania and its large tributaries are compelled to sit up nights to catch the fishermen who are trying to spear the fish through holes in the ice. Did anyone ever hear of a Virginia officer being so vigilant?

**From Washington.**  
[Correspondence of the Alexandria Gazette.]  
Washington, D. C., February 11.  
So far as they are able to choose, the democrats will make the middle and the northwest states the center of their campaign. That was the decision of the party, as represented by the congressional campaign committee, when Representative James T. Lloyd, of Shelbyville, Mo., was selected last night as chairman. Even when Representatives Bowers, of Mississippi, and Representative Flood, of Virginia, contenders for the honor, threw their strength to Representative Ryan, of Buffalo, N. Y., the northern man fell far short of the goal, receiving only 15 votes to 23 for the Missourian. This was notwithstanding the prediction made by Ryan's friends, that democracy would gain six Congressmen in New York State, if he were chosen. John Sharp Williams, the minority leader, went into the meeting on proxy, to plead for Ryan, but without avail.

Senator Forsaker's open defiance of the administration in the Senate, in which he met the denial of President Roosevelt that the administration was engaged in coercion in connection with the Taft candidacy, by citing the case of Editor Bryson, of Athens, as one of hundreds of similar cases, is believed to be the key note for a general attack upon the administration by a number of Senators. It has at least revived a recent movement to press the adoption of a Senate resolution of inquiry into

the method of federal appointments within the last year. Senator Stone prepared such a resolution, it is now learned, but before introducing it, submitted the document to a number of anti-administration republicans. They counseled delay, so the friends of Mr. Stone explain, on the ground that the President had in preparation his defense of such charges. Now that the President's defense has been so aggressively challenged by Senator Forsaker, who has many friends in the Senate, who are willing to aid him in his political fight for existence in Ohio, and for the further reason that other Senators believe they have been dealt with unfairly by the President, those who have been following the sensational controversy, look for further senatorial outbursts. Several senatorial heavy weights have been tempted to take issue with the President on the question but feared their defense of what they consider to be their "constitutional rights" might be misconstrued into political antagonism of the administration. They have in mind now following the Forsaker plan which dealt lightly with the President but provided a vitriolic bath for those who represent the administration.

The Government's investigation into the so-called paper trust is being pushed. A preliminary report has already been made to the attorney general and it is understood several lines of inquiry are being pursued that it is expected will lead to some definite results shortly. The government is confronted with the fact that no such records are available as in the former inquiry into the paper trust and the other alleged combinations against which suit has been brought. The government is preparing to begin the taking of testimony in the dissolution suit against the powder trust. The examiner appointed by the court, W. G. Mahaffey, of Delaware, is ready for the hearings. It is understood that they will first open at Wilmington, and that special assistant J. H. Graves, of the Department of Justice, will be in charge of the government's case. He is now engaged in the Standard oil hearing at Albany.

### Sixtieth Congress.

Washington, Feb. 11.  
SENATE.

The Senate today passed a bill providing for the participation by the United States in Tokyo international exposition, in Japan in 1912.

Upon an appeal by Senator Gallinger, the Senate this afternoon agreed to consider the ship subsidy bill Monday.

The Senate passed a bill today granting Oregon land to be used for a fish cultural station.

The Senate today passed a bill extending the bounty-laws to the officers and enlisted men of the Florida Seminole Indian war.

### HOUSE.

Mr. Sulzer offered a bill making Lincoln's birthday a national holiday.

"Lincoln was the greatest American ever produced by our country, and his birthday should be a great holiday from one end of the land to the other," declared Mr. Sulzer. Tomorrow, Lincoln's birthday, when the House meets, he will seek a suspension of the rules, and urge the passage of his measure.

The House adopted the Foss resolution calling upon the Secretary of the Navy for a report on the reduction of the laboring forces in the several navy yards.

### Another Enoch Arden Case.

Meadville, Pa., Feb. 11.—Seven years after he had mysteriously disappeared from his home near here, during which he had accumulated a half million dollars, George Graham returned today to find his wife married to G. W. Kough. Several weeks ago the couple learned that Graham was still alive and upon legal advice were married a second time yesterday. Upon his return Graham once went to his old home expecting to find his wife awaiting him.

He was greeted by strange faces who told him that his wife had married Kough nearly seven years ago. Graham located his former wife and husband on a prosperous farm near here and when he made himself known Mrs. Kough fainted.

When she revived the woman threw her arms around Kough's neck and shrieked, "Oh, I can't leave you. I love you best of all." After offering to divide his fortune with the couple Graham said he proposed to go back west as he did not care to mar his former wife's happiness.

### Trouble in the Coal Trust.

Philadelphia, Feb. 11.—Trouble is rumored among the interests included in the hitherto supposedly "air tight," anthracite coal trust. The report is that certain of the corporations, bound by the alleged trust agreement, have been caught on shady prices, that there is a possibility of a disruption of the combine and that consumers are about to profit by the producers' disagreements. The reported price cutting is attributed to the falling off of business in coal carrying railroads, to the consequent desire on the management's part to stimulate business and to the piling up of anthracite subject to heavy demurrage charges at various distributing points. In the event of a dissolution of the combine, which may be considered reasonably certain if any of the companies can be positive shown to have violated their agreements, cuts and counter-cuts will naturally result with corresponding and immediate advantage to the public.

### Cabinet Crisis Averted.

London, Feb. 11.—England has just missed a cabinet crisis and may still shortly see the resignation of the Bannerman ministry as a result of the pending parliamentary struggle over the country's increasing naval expenditures. Though begun by the anti-imperialists the opposition to the government's policy has had the support of so large a proportion of the liberal members of Parliament that the two parties may fairly be considered allies, so far as the question of naval appropriations are concerned.

The danger though averted for the time, is momentarily liable to recur, many economists being constantly aligning themselves with the anti-imperialists from fear that England, already overtaxed, will be plunged into a financial panic by the addition of still greater burdens.

Miss Maud Ashford, whose engagement to the venerable Senator Henry Gassaway Davis was recently announced, emphatically denies rumors that the engagement had been broken.

### News of the Day.

All previous records for receipts of hogs in Chicago were broken yesterday. The West Virginia Senate yesterday overwhelmingly rejected the resolution giving women the right to vote in West Virginia.

The trial of Raymond Hitchcock, the actor, who is under indictment charged with felonious assault on young girls, was today postponed in New York until February 24.

Jack "Tain" Sullivan is matched to fight Jimmy Flynn a ten-round go at Los Angeles tonight. Big gloves will be used and no decision given, according to the new ordinance.

James T. Lloyd, of Missouri, was elected chairman of the democratic congressional campaign committee last night. Hon. H. D. Flood, of Virginia, retired from the contest.

Panic attended a fire in the Longworth building on Fourth street Cincinnati, O., this afternoon. A millinery concern employing many young girls occupies the building. One girl was overcome. It is feared that the entire building will be destroyed.

Twelve men were injured in a race riot between 200 men who were waiting to reply for work today at the offices of B. F. Goodyear Rubber Company in Akron, Ohio. Stones, clubs and fists were used. Police dispersed the crowd, arrested two men.

Lieutenant-General Chaffee, retired, will become the main factor in the building of the \$23,000,000 aqueduct which is to bring the Owens river into Los Angeles, Cal. Gen. Chaffee has accepted an appointment on the board of public and will be made chief of that body.

The announcement has been made in Philadelphia that Mrs. Anna M. Weightman Walker has decided to share her fortune of \$60,000,000, on the eve of her marriage to Frederic Courtland Penfield, with the relatives who unsuccessfully fought for it two years ago in that city.

The joint congressional postal commission recommends that the postmaster general be chargeable only with the determination of questions of policy, and that the actual direction of the business of the entire service be committed to a director of posts and assistants appointed for long terms.

Every seat in the Columbia Theatre in Washington was sold for the lecture on "Castles in the Air," which Senator Taylor delivered yesterday afternoon for the benefit of the movement to erect a monument to the Confederate dead who sleep in the National Cemetery at Arlington. The lecture was most interesting and amusing and was heartily enjoyed by the large audience.

When Charles W. Morse, the eliminated banker, returns to this country on the steamer Euribia, on which he is now returning, having been called back from Europe, he will have to face at least two indictments for grand larceny. The indictments were filed yesterday by the special grand jury which has been investigating banking cases. The federal grand jury is still looking into Morse's banking methods. The indictments against Morse are based on his stock dealing with ex-Justice Morgan J. O'Brien.

### BODIES PLACED IN SEPULCHRES.

The bodies of King Carlos and Crown Prince Luis Philipps were yesterday laid beside those of their royal ancestors in the sacred sepulchres of the Pantheon at Lisbon.

The official closing of one of the most tragical incidents in Portuguese history was attended by a scene which almost developed into a disaster. A great crowd running into the thousands struggled outside the Cathedral of San Vincente, seeking to enter and view the bodies before the doors were finally closed. Brushing back the police and the guard of Royal Archers, they poured into the church, sweeping everything before them. A panic was threatened and the cavalry was called out to disperse the pushing thousands. Women and children were caught in the crush and many of them were crushed and trampled, but no fatalities have been reported.

When the doors were eventually closed to the public the ceremony of entombment was begun. All the ministers of State were present. The patriarch of Lisbon, wearing pontifical vestments and assisted by other high church officials, blessed the sacraments, the cathedral and palace choirs chanted "Libera Me," and, to the intoning of "De Profundis," the coffin of the Crown Prince was transported between double ranks of archers, preceded by a long procession, including mace-bearers, acolytes and grand dignitaries of the palace. In a similar manner the body of the King was borne to the tomb.

After abolition and the chanting of the Benedictus, the Grand Chamberlain solemnly swore that the bodies were those of "our beloved lord and King, his most faithful Majesty Dom Carlos I, King of Portugal, and our Prince Dom Luis Philipps, Duke of Braganza."

Official documents were drawn up and signed and the key of each coffin was given over to the Patriarch of Lisbon. When the coffins were placed in the tombs, the cortege separated and the Pantheon was closed.

### BURNS WINS FIGHT.

The fight between Tommy Burns, the American, and Jack Palmer, the Englishman, for the heavy weight championship of the world, was pulled off last night in Wonderland, London, and was won easily by the American in four rounds. It was a ludicrous exhibition of Palmer's complete inability to meet Burns. The Englishman spent a large part of the time on his knees shouting. The spectators booed him and shouted, "Stand up and fight," but in vain. Palmer would not; and Burns laughed aloud during the rounds. Finally Palmer was counted out while he was on the floor.

### A CLEANLY AGE.

Twentieth Century Ideas incline toward sanitation and prevention. Moravians believe that in cleanliness lies the secret of prevention of diseases. To prevent a disease, remove the cause. Just as unclean habits breed many diseases, so careless habits will breed dandruff. Improper use of another's brushes, combs, etc., will surely cause dandruff, and, in time, will just as surely cause baldness. It's microbes infection, nothing more nor less.

Newbro's Herpicide kills the dandruff germ, and causes hair to grow luxuriantly. Herpicide is absolutely free from grease or other injurious substances. Sold by E. S. Leadbeater & Bro., agents. Send 10c in stamps for sample to The Herpicide Co., Detroit, Mich.

### Virginia News.

Dr. Daniel A. Lathorne died yesterday in Lynchburg aged eighty-three years.

Miss Sallie Elizabeth Glaze died Saturday night at her home in Winchester, of neuralgia of the heart.

Mrs. Elizabeth Skinner, wife of the late James Skinner, died yesterday at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Thomas Smith, in Warrenton, in her ninety-second year.

Grand Chancellor Dickinson, of the Grand Lodge, Knights of Pythias, of Virginia, has issued an order changing the meeting place of the Grand Lodge from Clifton Forge to Staunton. The meeting will be held the fourth Tuesday in May.

J. J. and J. W. Wood, of Page county, are engaged in getting out pulp wood. The wood is known by paper-making people as bass and lino, the former growing along the banks of the river, and the latter along the river cliffs. J. R. Huffman and A. J. Alger are also engaged in similar work. The wood brings from \$5 to \$6 per cord aboard cars.

An appeal of the Virginia State Corporation Commission from the decision of Judge Pritchard, enjoining the commission from enforcing a 2-cent passenger rate on railroads in that State, was docketed in the United States Supreme Court yesterday. The suit was instituted by various railroad companies of that State, on the ground that the rate was confiscatory, and Judge Pritchard granted their prayer for an injunction. There are six cases, and the record is a very voluminous one.

W. Biggs, formerly a collector for a New York weekly newspaper, and A. Robbins, of Mayville, Ky., were arrested at Riverton Junction yesterday just as they were boarding a Norfolk and Western train for the north, and placed in jail at Woodstock on the charge of larceny. Biggs was formerly a collector in that section, but was discharged December last. He is charged with failing to turn over his lists and account for the collections which he has made since his discharge.

### The Legislature.

The Senate yesterday agreed to the resolution which provides for an amendment to the constitution, directing the popular election of commissioners of the revenue in the cities and permitting them to succeed themselves.

Senator Parsons, one of the republicans members of the Senate, will today offer a bill which will seek to amend the constitution by permitting the election of all judges of all the courts by the people.

### HOUSE.

Mr. Robert W. Withers presented a bill to authorize the Virginia commission to the Jamestown exposition to sell and convey certain property belonging to the State, to pay certain debts, to make certain investments and to pay any residue therefrom in the public treasury.

The House finance committee reported the bill to allow the negro reformatory to take one hundred and fifty instead of one hundred inmates. The compensation allowed for each inmate is the same as for a white inmate. For some time the institution has been crowded, and many demands made the immediate passage of the bill a necessity.

Mr. H. Featherston's resolution which seeks to simplify the method of procedure in the conduct of business was passed. The resolution proposes a constitutional amendment, and provides only one reading and one recorded vote in connection with the passage of each bill.

Mr. Hunt presented a bill providing that in the trial of all criminal cases the closing argument for the Commonwealth shall alone be made by the legally constituted attorney for the Commonwealth. The bill is presented from the fact that assistants are often employed in such cases, and that frequently these assistants are allowed to close.

A number of bills were reported from various committees, read a first time and placed upon the calendar. Among these was one offered by Messrs. Bower and Nolting, from the committee on roads and internal navigation, appropriating \$750,000 annually for good roads. It was referred to the committee on finance.

Mr. Caton called up his resolution to change the Constitution with reference to damage to abutting property owners, and it was lost.

Mr. Caton, in House bill No. 34, amends section 34 of the revenue act in relation to reports of telegraph and telephone companies for the purpose of assessment. The bill provides for the making of such reports to the State Corporation Commission instead of to the Auditor of Public Accounts and the fine for failure to make reports is placed at a maximum of \$2,500, which is the present maximum, but omits the minimum fine of \$500, which the present law prescribes. Under the bill such fine may be as small as those for any misdemeanor.

### TO MEET VIRGINIA LAW-MAKERS.

The joint committee of the Maryland Senate and House named in accordance with a resolution introduced by Senator Lathorne to confer with a similar committee from the Virginia Legislature, with the view of securing concurrent oyster legislation in the Potomac river and other waters in which the two States are interested, met at Annapolis last night after the adjournment of the Legislature.

Senator Lathorne was chosen as chairman of the joint committee, and Mr. Dwight Burroughs was named as special messenger to go to Richmond for the purpose of conferring with the members of the Virginia committee in order to fix on a convenient date for the meeting.

The members of the committee include Senators Lathorne, Andrews, Braxton, Milbourne and Greenwell and Delegates Hayden, Benson, Quinn, Brady, Jones of Calvert and Karl of Alleghany.

Use Dr. Williams' Little Early Bitters, pleasant little pills. They are easy to take. Sold by W. F. Creighton & Co.

### DIED.

On Sunday February 9, at 5:25 a. m. after a brief illness, EDWARD HORTON DAY, in the 63d year of his age, departed from the residence, 315 south Royal street, Wednesday afternoon at three o'clock. Friends and acquaintances are invited to attend.

### Today's Telegraphic News.

**Charges Against Judge Blackstone.**  
[Special Dispatch to the Alexandria Gazette.]  
Richmond, Feb. 11.—The House today directed the committee for courts of justice to proceed with the investigation of Judge Blackstone. The feature of the matter today was the presentation of specific charges by citizens of the Eleventh circuit. These charges go into great detail and allege that Judge Blackstone on two occasions went to sleep on the bench while in an intoxicated condition; that he was a frequenter of negro houses of ill-fame; that on one occasion he directed the sheriff to bring certain papers to a negro woman's house that he might sign them.

**Another Fight with Suffragettes.**  
London, Feb. 11.—A strong force of suffragettes stormed the House of Commons today, but was beaten back by the police after a series of fierce scuffles. Many arrests were made.

The women swooped on the house with the usual suddenness of their attacks, bent on forcing their way into the chamber and reiterating their many times voiced demand for the ballot. The police have had so much trouble with them of late, however, that they were prepared and barred the way when the first rush was made.

So energetic was the storming party in its attempt to beat down opposition that the police were compelled to use considerable force and a number of women were treated with decided roughness in the skirmish. The prisoners say they will, as usual, refuse to pay fines, preferring imprisonment to voluntary compliance with man-made laws.

### Denials Not Convincing.

New York, Feb. 11.—Denials of the present report that Mrs. Cornelius Vanderbilt is to wed Count Alexander Hadik, of Hungary, are neither positive enough from persons considered close enough to the Vanderbilt family to prove very convincing to New York society. New Yorkers, who have traveled much abroad all know a good deal of Count Alexander's history, which has been marked by a long series of financial embarrassments, from which his family, one of the wealthiest and most influential in Hungary, has repeatedly exerted itself to the utmost to disentangle him. Seemingly authentic reports that Mrs. Vanderbilt is about to offer her \$4,000,000 home at Fifth avenue and Fifty-second street for sale are considered significant. No members of the Vanderbilt family will discuss rumors of the alliance.

### Japan Excited.

Tokio, Feb. 11.—Japan is much excited over a big batch of war stories in today's cables from the United States. Officialdom is much puzzled by the hostile tone of the dispatches, having assumed that the progress of negotiations between the two countries was giving entire satisfaction to Americans.

Messages from China are also taking on an increasingly ugly tone, influential statesmen in the celestial empire being freely quoted to the effect that China will fight before permitting the Japanese annexation of Manchuria, which the Chinese evidently consider imminent. Former American Ambassador Aoki is still awaiting a summons before the Mikado to report on conditions at Washington, and is openly voicing his anger at the manner in which he is being ignored.

### The Czarena's Condition.

Vienna, Feb. 11.—Although the St. Petersburg press is not permitted to publish the fact, it is positively known that the Czarena is suffering from hallucinations and that her physicians have warned her husband of the urgent necessity for her removal from Russia. The patient still insists that she will not go without her husband, and the latter's ministers have reiterated their warning that his absence from the country will involve the gravest political dangers. His majesty is reported to be considering the dissolution of the Duma, though his ministers fear this will precipitate serious disturbances as a preliminary to a trip to the Riviera with his wife.

### Body Found in a Well.

New York, Feb. 11.—Henry H. Barnard, the rich New York lumber man and former director of the Twelfth ward bank, found dead in a well on an abandoned farm near Dr. A. E. Sharp's Katonsa, N. Y., sanitarium, where he had been for some time, proves to have been another victim of the strain of the recent financial crisis. Barnard was active in working out the plan by which the Twelfth ward bank was reopened, but the worry broke him down so seriously that he was sent to the sanitarium to recuperate. He left there early Saturday supposedly to return to New York. Barnard was 62 years old. His funeral was held today.

### Count Castellane Fined.

Paris, Feb. 11.—Count Boni de Castellane was fined one hundred francs today for his recent fight with the Prince de Sagan, his cousin. The prince's claim for one franc damages was also allowed. Jean de Castellane, the count's brother, whom de Sagan accused of aiding in the assault on him, was acquitted. The Count de Castellane and his cousin, the Prince de Sagan, quarreled over the latter's attentions to the former's divorced wife, Mme. Anna Gould.

### New York Stock Market.

New York, Feb. 11.—There was a good deal of irregularity to the market during the first hour. In ten minutes the rally that was in progress in the late trading yesterday was continued, some material gains being made in the leading issues. But the upward movement was checked by aggressive selling for some of the leading bear interests and for a time it looked as though the rally would never hold. Later in the hour some large buying orders appeared in the stocks that have been accepted as market leaders causing another upturn in the majority of the issues traded in, and as the hour ended many stocks showed net gains over yesterday's closing, ranging from fractions to over one point.

### Skin Disease of Twenty Years' Standing Cured.

I want you to know how much Chamberlain's Salve has done for me. I have cured my face of a skin disease of almost twenty years' standing. I have been treated by several smart physicians as we have in this country and they did me no good, but two boxes of this salve has cured me.—Mrs. Fannie Griffin, Troy, Ala. Chamberlain's Salve is for sale by W. F. Creighton and Richard Gibson.

### Uneasiness in Portugal.

London, Feb. 11.—Muttering is already beginning to be heard in Lisbon against the new Portuguese government. The cabinet seems to feel that it has gone as far as it can safely go in its policy of conciliation, and the tightening of the governmental reins immediately threatens trouble. The arrest is being discussed in the ministry of republican leaders who have been openly commending the assassination of King Carlos and Prince Luis and even suggesting that more examples of the same kind may be needed. There is no doubt that there have been many seditious utterances which no other government in Europe would tolerate. That so early a resumption of political arrests is safe is questioned, however, by King Manuel's advisors. Yet it is not certain whether the consequences will not be equally grave should the agitators' boldness be ignored.

The republican press appears, too, to be fairly courting suppression with its outspoken assertions that, though some at least of the surviving regicides are known, no attempt will be made to punish them, and its demands for justice against the police who shot three of the murderers after they had slain King Carlos and his son in cold blood.

The populace is making nothing less than heroes of the dead regicides, fairly falling over one another with their subscriptions to their families and fighting for the privilege of adopting their children.

The bodies of the two regicides and of Costa, the bystander, killed by the police immediately following the assassination of King Carlos and Prince Luis, were buried at 3 o'clock this morning. The authorities insisted that the funerals be held at night to lesson the danger of a popular demonstration. A squadron of cavalry and a strong detail of police escorted the cortege. There was no disturbance.

### Distress in Chicago.

Chicago, Feb. 11.—Never in the history of Chicago relief and aid society has there such a demand for assistance as at the present, is the claim of Superintendent Kingsley, who is in charge of the distributions of the funds by the business men's committee, which has just raised between \$25,000 and \$30,000 for needy families. "Never in the history of the society have we had so many appeals based entirely on lack of employment," he continued. "Many of the applicants claim they are union mechanics. We have almost every trade in the city represented." It is estimated that 10,000 families will be in the list of dependents next month.

### Decision Against Southern Pacific.

San Francisco, Feb. 11.—By a decision of the U. S. Court of Appeals the Southern Pacific Railroad loses its control of the California Development Company which owns the great irrigation system of the Imperial Valley. The stockholders of the Development Company will take charge and complete the development of the system. The Southern Pacific also loses \$200,000, which was "loaned" to the company and used in repairing the Southern Pacific tracks at Salton Sea, which proved such a costly experiment of the Harriman line.

### Removal Recommended.

Albany, N. Y., Feb. 11.—Gov. Hughes today sent a message to the Senate recommending that O. K. Kiley be removed as State Superintendent of Insurance on grounds of inefficiency, based on the report made to the governor by Mathew Fleming, who investigated the department of insurance. The charges are much the same as those made last year when the Senate retained Kiley over the Governor's recommendation of removal.

### Car Plunges Down Bank.

Pittsburg, Feb. 11.—Seven people were injured, two probably fatally at West Homestead today when a car of the Pittsburg and Homestead Street Railway Company plunged over a fifty-foot embankment. The accident is attributed to slippery rails. When the car turned a curve it got beyond control of the motorman.

### Deprived of His Seat.

Manila, Feb. 11.—Dominos Dor Gomez, prominent as a labor and anti-American agitator, was deprived of his seat in the assembly today by a vote of 40 to 35. Realizing that defeat was inevitable, Gomez had himself introduced the resolution of expulsion.

Secretary Root and Ambassador Josselyn yesterday signed a treaty providing for the arbitration of any issue that may arise between France and the United States.

Perry M. Johnson, a prominent farmer near Warrenton, died yesterday.

Kennedy's Laxative Cough Syrup acts gently but promptly on the bowels. It stops the cough by soothing the throat and lung irritation. Sold by W. F. Creighton & Co.

**STATEMENT OF THE Mercantile Railway Building and Loan Association at the close of business December 31, 1907:**

RESOURCES.	
Loans on real estate and stock of this Association, and accrued payments.....	\$16,187.98
December interest, premium and fines.....	2,000.00
Office building, furniture and auxiliary banks.....	5,607.88
Cash in bank and office.....	9,021.66
	<hr/> \$32,816.72

LIABILITIES.	
Due stock of Class A 1 and accrued profits.....	\$200,295.96
Less profits paid this class in 1907 for stock, matured and other.....	8,008.00
	<hr/> 192,287.96
Due stock Class A 2.....	42,000.00
" " " " B.....	29,319.48
" " " " C.....	14,109.28
" " " " paid up.....	\$25.00
Bills payable.....	10,000.00
	<hr/> \$32,816.72

All dividends paid yearly in cash, save in Class A 1 (cumulative).

Shares in force..... 12,344

Number of branches..... 50

This is to certify that I have examined the annual report of the Mercantile Railway Building and Loan Association, of Alexandria, Virginia, and the books and accounts containing the data of said report and find the same entirely correct.

JOSEPH L. DUREIN, Auditor.

I hereby certify that I have examined the account